

An tSraith Shóisearach do Mhúinteoirí

Junior **CYCLE** for teachers

May 2018

Dear Teacher of Business Studies,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter for teachers of Business Studies. In this edition we have detailed some important updates in relation to our mailing list and the forthcoming GDPR legislation. Below we have also outlined the Key Dates for CBA1 in 2019 and a reminder regarding the sample questions on Curriculum Online, the JCSP Statements and a new resource for Level 2 Learning Programmes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your engagement with us throughout the year and to wish you and your students every good wish for the summer break.

The Business Studies Team

Important Notice Regarding GDPR & Business Studies Mailing List

You are receiving this email as you are currently subscribed to our JCT Business Studies mailing list. As you may be aware under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), new EU rules surrounding Data Protection will come into effect on the 25th May 2018. As a result, Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT) are required to ensure that all data held must be fairly obtained and processed.

To this end we are now requesting that if you wish for your contact details to be included on the JCT Business Studies mailing list you will need to re-subscribe. To continue hearing from JCT Business Studies about our supports for teachers please re-subscribe using [this link](#).

We would like to reassure you that your details will be securely stored by JCT and will be used only by way of informing you of relevant JCT activities and supports. If you do not re-subscribe, by May 25th, we regret that you will be removed from the subject mailing list and you will be deemed to have opted out of communications above.

CBA One Key Dates 2019

Our colleagues in the NCCA have published [the list of key dates for Business Studies](#) for 2019. These dates apply to the cohort of students who will be in 2nd year in 2018-2019. Please see the relevant dates below:

Junior Cycle Business Studies Classroom-Based Assessment 1 in 2019

Timeline for *Business in Action*

Period during which students spend four weeks completing <i>Business in Action</i>	Monday 4th March to Friday 12th April 2019
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 3rd May 2019
Latest date for completion of <i>Subject Learning and Assessment Review</i> and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 10th May 2019

CBA 2 and Assessment Task Key Dates 2018

CBA 2 (Presentation) takes place for third year students in 2018-2019 within the period outlined below. This is followed by the completion of the Assessment Task during class time within the period specified below. The Business Studies team will host a webinar focusing on CBA2 in the first term of 2018-2019

Junior Cycle Business Studies Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in 2018/2019

Timeline for *Presentation* and *Assessment Task*

Period during which students spend three weeks completing <i>Business Presentation</i>	Monday 12th November to Friday 7th December 2018
Window for completion of the <i>Assessment Task</i>	Monday 10th - Friday 14th December 2018
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Monday 17th December 2018
Latest date for completion of <i>Subject Learning and Assessment Review</i> and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 21st December 2018

Level 2 Learning Programmes

The team have produced a document focusing on potential links between the Level 2 Learning Programmes (L2LPs), Priority Learning Units (PLUs) and the Business Studies Specification. This is intended to support teachers in linking with the Specification and planning for Level 2 Learning Programme students. The document is available in the [planning section](#) of our website.

Feedback on Draft JCSP Business Studies Statements

The draft JCSP Statements for Business Studies have been prepared by our colleagues in PDST. These draft statements have been developed with input from a number of practicing Business Studies teachers in JCSP schools. They are offered as one possible model that teachers may use to approach the new junior cycle Business Studies Specification. Feedback is welcomed on the Statements [via this link](#).

Business Studies Sample Questions



Our colleagues in the NCCA have developed [a set of sample questions](#) which offer a broad indication of types and formats of assessment items that might be used to assess the learning outcomes in the Junior Cycle Business Studies specification at a common level. The items included should be read as examples of individual pieces of assessment material.

They are not full or partial questions from an examination paper, neither do they attempt to replicate how the examination paper might be laid out but you may find them useful to support the development of assessment material, in particular as we approach the end of the final term for first and second year Business Studies students.

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